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## HARDIN COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

Sauber, Ethel M 10623 Co Rd 106 Kenton, Oh 43326

Plaintiff (s)

VS

SUMMONS RULE (4)

Evans Delivery Company Inc 100 West Columbia St Schuykill Haven, Pa 17972

Case No: 20221109CVC

Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned that a complaint (copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof) has been filed against you in this court by the Plaintiff named herein.

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#### IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, OHIO CIVIL DIVISION

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and

Judge\_\_\_\_Scott N. Barrett

STONE M. SAUBER, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HIS NATURAL MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND, ETHEL M. SAUBER 10623 County Road 106 Kenton, OH 43326

Plaintiffs.

V.

COMPLAINT FOR PERSONAL INJURIES; WITH JURY DEMAND ENDORSED HEREON

EVANS DELIVERY COMPANY, INC. 100 West Columbia Street Schuykill Haven, PA 17972

and

CHRISTOPHER CIESLA 17167 W. Saguaro Lane Surprise, AZ 85388

Defendants.

Now comes Plaintiffs, by and through undersigned counsel, and based upon information and belief sets forth the following Complaint:

#### **PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

- At all times relevant herein, Plaintiffs resided at 10623 County Road 106 in Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio.
- At all times relevant herein, Ethel M. Sauber is the natural mother and next friend of Stone M. Sauber, a minor child.
- At all times relevant herein, Defendants Evans Delivery Company, Inc., and Christopher
   Ciesla conducted business in Hardin County, Ohio.
- 4. This court has both personal and subject matter jurisdiction over the parties and venue is appropriate pursuant to Civ.R. 3(C).
- At all times relevant herein, Defendant Evans Delivery Company, Inc., was acting by and through its agents, employees, and/or representatives, including Defendant Christopher Ciesla.
- The facts that give rise to this Complaint occurred at C.R. 106 and T.R. 125 in Kenton,
   Hardin County, Ohio.

#### =FACTS

- On August 12, 2020, at approximately 9:45 a.m., Ethel Sauber was driving east on C.R.
   106 in a black 2012 Kia Rio.
- 8. Stone Sauber, a minor, was riding as a front seat passenger in the 2012 Kia. Rio.
- 9. C.R. 106 is a two-lane road with a posted speed limit of 55 m.p.h.
- 10. At or about the same time, Defendant Christopher Ciesla was driving a semi-truck and trailer northbound on C.R. 115 near T.R. 125, where he approached a stop sign at the intersection of C.R. 106. The truck and trailer were owned by Defendant Evans Delivery Company, Inc., and Mr. Ciesla was in the course and scope of his employment for Evans Delivery Company Inc., at the time.

- 11. There is a stop sign for vehicles traveling northbound on C.R. 115, which turns into T.R.125 at the intersection of C.R. 106.
- 12. There is no stop sign for traffic traveling eastbound on C.R. 106.
- Defendant Ciesla negligently proceeded northbound through the stop sign and crossed
   C.R. 106 on T.R. 125.
- 14. At or about the same time, Plaintiffs vehicle was eastbound on C.R. 106 approaching the intersection.
- 15. The vehicle in which Plaintiffs were traveling struck the trailer of the truck, which was blocking the right-of-way of traffic on C.R. 106, as it attempted to cross C.R. 106.
- 16. Defendant Ciesla gave Plaintiff Ethel Sauber little or no time to stop or avoid colliding with the semi-truck trailer.
- 17. As a result of the collision, the Plaintiffs' vehicle was forcefully pushed into a utility pole off the road, and Plaintiffs were seriously injured.
- 18. Defendants, either jointly or severally, negligently caused the crash.
- 19. Defendant Ciesla recklessly, willfully and wantonly, operated the semi-truck and trailer in disregard of the safety and rights of Plaintiffs at the time of the crash.
- 20. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions and negligent conduct in causing the crash, Plaintiffs have suffered multiple severe injuries, as well as will sustain future pain and suffering, mental and emotional distress, among other physical and mental injuries.
- 21. Plaintiffs have incurred medical, hospital, chiropractor, and other related expenses which have not been paid or reimbursed by the Defendants. Plaintiff Ethel Sauber has also incurred lost wages.

#### FIRST CLAIM: NEGLIGENCE PER SE

- 22. Plaintiffs incorporate all of the foregoing paragraphs as if they were fully restated at this point.
- 23. The acts and/or omissions of Defendants as described above constituted negligence per se for the reason that they individually and taken together violated Ohio traffic law as set forth in Revised Code §§ 4511.43, 4511.12, and 4511.20.
- 24. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence *per se* of Defendants, Plaintiff Ethel Sauber sustained injuries and damages which are not limited to:
  - a. Severe and permanent injuries;
  - b. Lost wages in an amount in excess of \$500.00;
  - Reasonable and necessary medical expenses in the amount of approximately
     \$41,161.40; and
  - d. Past and future pain and suffering.
- 25. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence *per se* of Defendants, Plaintiff Stone Sauber, a minor, sustained injuries and damages which are not limited to:
  - a. Severe and permanent injuries; and
  - b. Reasonable and necessary medical expenses in the amount of 21,443.00; and
  - c. Past and future pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants Evans Delivery Company, Inc., and Christopher Ciesla, jointly and severally, in the amount exceeding \$25,000.00, plus interest the costs of this action, reasonable attorney fees and expenses, and whatever further relief this court deems just and appropriate.

#### SECOND CLAIM: NEGLIGENCE

- 26. Plaintiffs incorporate all of the foregoing paragraphs as if they were fully restated at this point.
- 27. Defendant Ciesla negligently operated the semi-truck and trailer by failing in his duty to yield the right of way to the vehicle driven by Plaintiff Ethel Sauber, causing Plaintiffs vehicle to violently strike the trailer, and then collide with a utility pole.
- 28. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, Plaintiff Ethel Sauber sustained injuries and damages which are not limited to:
  - a. Severe and permanent injuries;
  - b. Lost wages in an amount of approximately \$500.00;
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Respectfully submitted,

Jordan R. Woffe (0093059) Marc S. Triplett (0021222) Tina M. McFall (0082586) COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS Triplett, McFall & Wolfe Law, LLC 332 South Main Street Bellefontaine, OH 43311

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#### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all claims and causes of actions set forth in this

Complaint.

COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS

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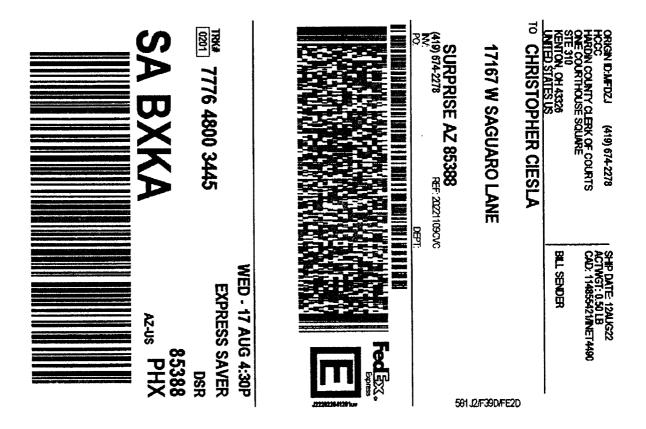
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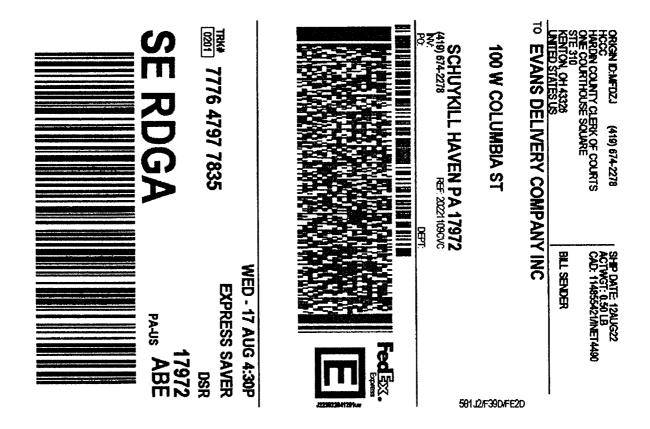
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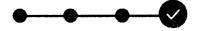
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